

Manuscript: “Love Thy (Elected) Neighbor? Residential Segregation, Political Representation and Local Public Goods”

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We requested and received an exemption from the journal’s Replication Policy regarding data availability because the data we use are proprietary. Our results have been replicated by the journal’s Data Editor, but we cannot make the data publicly available. However, it is possible for other researchers to purchase these same datasets. We detail here the process for obtaining the data.

We have also provided the estimation codes at <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/jop>.

We use several different data sources, and we detail them here one-by-one.

1. The main election data are proprietary to the (Finnish Government) Ministry of Justice. The data contain candidate level information on party affiliation, gender, age, incumbency status, and election outcomes including the personal votes at polling district level. They also contain social security numbers which we use to link these data to other registers. These data can be applied for at “vaalit@om.fi”. Similar election data that does not contain the social security number is publicly available at Statistic Finland (https://www.stat.fi/til/kvaa/index_en.html). To the election data, we have matched other proprietary data, in particular, education, occupation and socioeconomic status (from Statistics Finland, these can be applied for at “kirjaamo@stat.fi”); and the residential address (from Digital and Population Data Services Agency, these can be applied for at “kirjaamo@dvv.fi”). Our contract with both these agencies prohibits us from sharing these data as they contain sensitive personal information. However, they can be applied for and purchased from these agencies.

2. Our school data are proprietary and can be purchased from Statistics Finland. Standard citation: “Statistics Finland, Educational Institutions, 9.12.2020” (https://www.stat.fi/tup/oppilaitosrekisteri/index_en.html). These data can be applied for at “kirjaamo@stat.fi”.

3. Our data on the characteristics of the electorate in candidates' neighborhoods come from Statistics Finland's Zipcode and Grid Databases. The data are proprietary and can be purchased from Statistics Finland. Standard citations: “Statistics Finland, Postal Code Area Database, 9.12.2020” (https://www.stat.fi/tup/paavo/index_en.html) and “Statistics Finland, Grid Database, 9.12.2020.” (http://stat.fi/tup/ruututietokanta/index_en.html). These data can be applied for at “kirjaamo@stat.fi”.